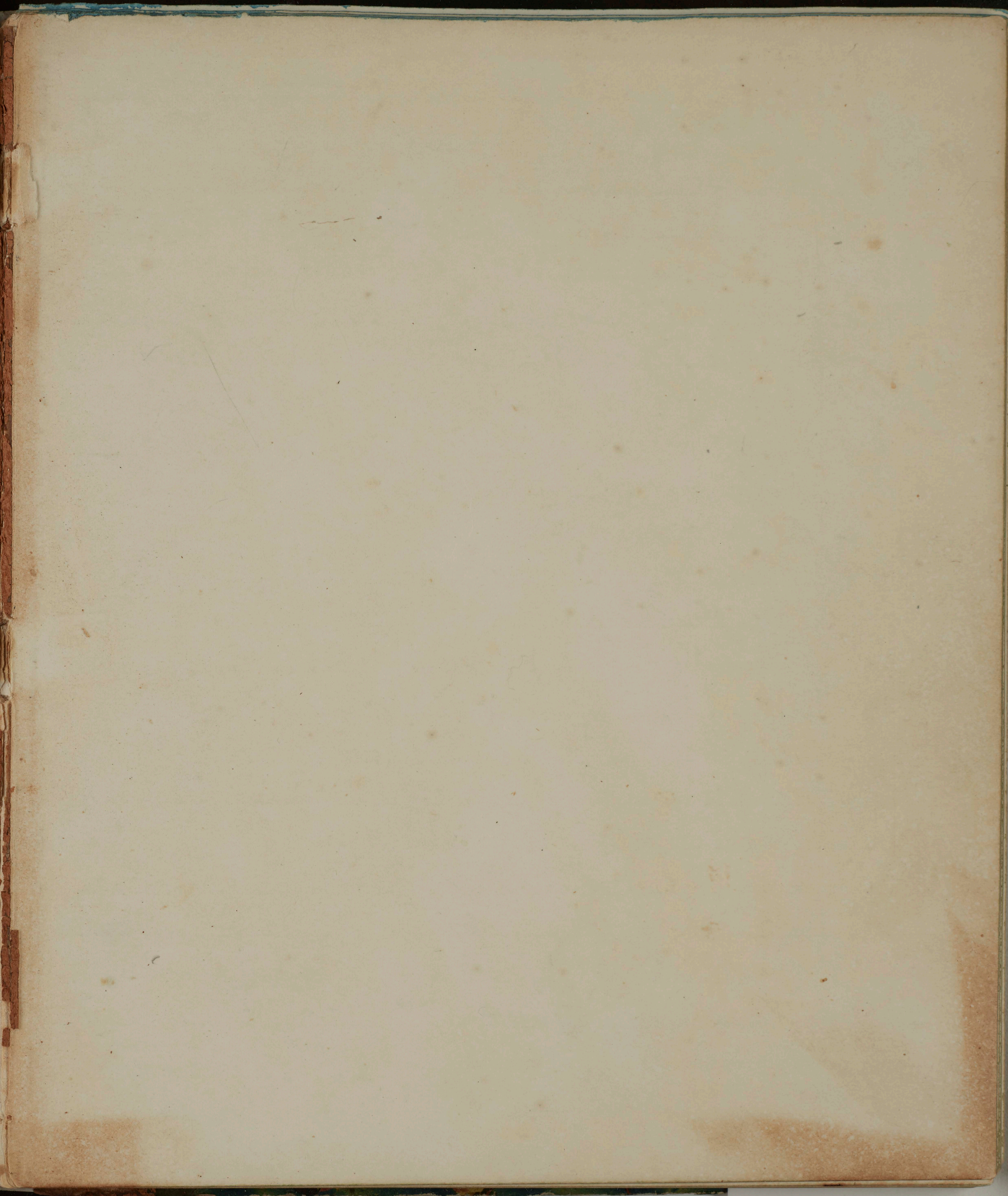


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19. Tues. 1.

Lat.

40-49 S. --

A calm-foggy day.

The beginning of another calendar year. Nothing worthy of note occurred. We ate our roast spare-rib, without garnishing, and was thankful that we had that. Wish I might look in at home tonight, and see what is going on there. I imagine it is very quiet, but may be far out of the way. I trust all are pleasantly situated, and may be so through the year.

Another year! Who can tell what is before us? None but Him who carries the chart, and gives us the course, a point-at-a time, and as I have somewhere read, "We're all steering in this life by a compass, which tells us only what we need by our wishes shifting from it", and how often are we reminded of our necessities by this self-same invisible instrument.

In the hands of Him whom we have accepted as our Guide and Leader, we will put our whole trust and while time is swiftly rolling on, will remember to "lay up our treasure in heaven, where moth nor rust do not corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal."

January.

Wed. 2.

Calm, pleasant weather. ^{Lat.} 40-09 S. ^{Long.} 55-36 W.
 W. at work in the hold. I have had
 severe pain in my shoulder. Trying to cut out-
 shirts &c. Was obliged to put it aside this afternoon.
 Stopped on deck for an hour, watching birds
 & finbacks.

Thurs. 3.

Light breezes - fine weather. ^{Lat.} 39-16 S. ^{Long.} 58-34 W.
 W. carpentering. I am waiting for my
 rheumatics to get better. Did a little pastry-cooking.

Fri. 4.

Strong breezes - pleasant day. ^{Lat.} 40-14 S. ^{Long.} 52-40 W.
 I have been mending - W. busy on deck.
 The cook made me a ring of gutta serena
 studded with silver. W. a plain one, which
 I have long wanted to take the place of one. I broke.

Sat. 5.

Strong breezes - fine weather. ^{Lat.} 39-24 S. ^{Long.} 50-25 W.
 I made doughnuts. and the usual
 routine of Saturday's work. occupied the day.
 Have not felt usually well today.

Sun. 6.

January.

Lat. Long.
38-48 S. 49-30 W.

Cloudy - with light winds -

The Louisa skimming over the ocean, and we are thinking of the precious privileges that home affords.

Mon. 7.

Light winds - day pleasant. Lat. Long.
38-04 S 50-15 W.

Ripped an old dress, to make a new ^{one} of -

Still cruising for whales, but do not find them. Countenances grow long, and wrinkles accumulate. Still we will hope.

Tues. 8.

Strong breezes.

Lat. Long.
37-53 S 51-14 W.

"Bob" missed a porpoise, and "Pi" - brought his chest from the storage, "was going to send him forward", couldn't have such a boatsteward as that. "Pi" as they call him is the wit of the fore-castle, creating much merriment on board.

Wed. 9.

Strong breezes. - Pleasant.

Lat. Long.
37-21 S. 50-56 W.

Busy sewing. W. on deck the most of the day. - Begins to feel "blue".

January.

Thurs. 10. Fine weather. Light breeze. Lat. 36-48 S. Long. 50-15 W.
Sails in sight.

Fri. 11. A beautiful day - Lat. 34-39 S. Long. 41 W.
Lowered the boat for turtle - caught one
Wee seem to be in a "dry spot" - W. calls it -
nothing to be seen. in air or water.

Sat. 12. The wind blowing quite fresh. Lat. S. Long. 41 W.
I finished my wrapper, and swept my rooms.
Then took a tramp on deck after supper.

Sun. 13. Weather fine, sea rugged - Lat. 33-39 S. Long. 48-30 W.
Reading most of the day. Think I shall
dream of home tonight. Would like to hear
from there. One sail in sight

Mon. 14. A rolling night, but day fine. Lat. 33-09 S. Long. 48-05 W.
I have been sewing, and making cookies.
Wish we could find a whale. lest we all get
homesick. Lowered for turtle, got none.

January.

Tues. 15.

A delightful day. Light breezes. ^{Lat.} 32-53 ^{Long.} S. 44-54 W.
Washing, and ironing, kept me quite busy.
I am feeling very well, - most of the time.
Painting (Spars) boats today. - Saw several sails.

Wed. 16.

Weather fine, breezes light. (No Obs.)
Facts perceptibly shortened tonight, the
result of the capture of a good-sized sperm
whale. The first whale the starboard
boat has taken, and the first that
Andrew has struck, his first attempt.
Hope he may always be as successful.
They have partly cut in the blubber, thus
far without accident. Weather looks
squally tonight.

Thurs. 17.

Good weather for oil work. ^{Lat.} 32-31 ^{Long.} S. 48-02 W.
Finished cutting and took the last piece on
deck, about 1 o'clock. ^{Rising} ~~Saw~~ the "Draco"
and another whales in sight. Capt. Braley
came on board, took tea. A very pleasant
evening. The other vessel the "Minnesota"
Capt. Pierce.

January.

Fri. 18. Pleasant, very light breezes. Lat. 32-06 S. Long. 47-55 W.
 Raised whales early this morning, lowered boats
 the whales going fast. could not catch them.
 Boiling blubber which is very fat.
 The "Traco" had taken 270 bbls. since we saw her,
 making 550 all told. Both vessels in sight
 tonight.

Sat. 19. A calm pleasant day. Lat. 32-31 S. Long. 48-02 W.
 Oil-work goes on favorable. I have been
 doing odd jobs. After supper went on deck
 and saw Juan & W. catch an albatross,
 after which they killed him, to get the feathers,
 as I wanted to save some. They caught
 him with a small fish-hook, baited with
 "blubber", hooking him in his bill. (Full moon.)

Sun. 20. Strong breezes. At work boiling - think
 they will finish tonight.
 No Sunday for them today.
 Almost a gale of wind tonight.

Lat. 32-56 S. Long. 47-36 W.

January.

Mon, 21.

A gale of wind through the night. Moderated about noon today, giving us quite a comfortable afternoon. Raining tonight. Finished boiling this morning whale making. 96 bbls. I have worked on my feathers this afternoon clipping them. Have headache tonight.

Lat.

Long.

33=11 S.

48=18 W.

Tues, 22.

Fine fresh breezes from South. Stowing down oil. All hands busy. Afternoon signalled the Sch. "Witch Queen", of Boston, ^{Capt. Dickett} 45 days from there laying three days at "Rio". Obtained a meagre supply of papers, also had "one present" of two bananas, from one of our boys.

Lat.

Long.

32=45 S.

48=04 W.

Wed, 23.

Fine moderate weather. W—, at work in the hold, and about ship. Washing ship this afternoon. I am making shirts. Several sails in sight.

Lat.

Long.

32=25 S.

47=12 W.

January.

Thurs. 24. Fine weather. Fresh breezes. ^{Lat.} 31-53 S ^{Long.} 47-34 W.
 Cruising for whales. Washed some this morning. W. nearly sick. Read an account of the hardships and sufferings of Capt. Mitchell who with 13 men, left the burning ship "Hornet" on the 3^d of May 1866, and arrived at "Kauai" one of the Sandwich Islands on the 15th of June, truly exhibiting the wonder-working of a merciful Providence. They traversed a distance of 4000 miles, only having 10 days provisions to start with.

Fri. 25. Fine moderate breeze, ^{Lat.} 32-28 S ^{Long.} 48-12 W.
 Strong breezes - Pleasant. Saw nothing but one sail. Busy sewing.

Sat. 26. Light winds. Warm and pleasant. ^{Lat.} 32-44 S ^{Long.} 47-30 W.
 As the week draws near the close, our thoughts turn homeward, and we query? Shall we ever be there. We trust we may, and right joyfully shall we welcome our native shore. But many a mile over the trackless deep, remains to be traversed.

January.

Sun. 27.

Strong breezes. — Pleasant. Lat. $32=48$ S. Long. $44=28$ W.
A quiet day on board. Saw several sails
signalled and exchanged longitude with
one, a Brazilian bark, no name discernible.
Cloudy tonight, looks like rain.

Mon. 28.

Rainy all day - until 4 o'clock. Lat. $33=36$ S Long $46=46$ W.
Saw nothing but salt water & fresh. Both
of which visited us freely in the cabin. The
former coming in at the stern-light, (one
of her old tricks), however I escaped with
but a slight wetting.

Tues. 29.

A gale of wind prohibiting all comfortable staying. Lat. $33=43$ S Long. $47=00$ W.
moderated towards evening. I put aside my sewing. the ship was ^{so uneasy}.

Wed. 30.

A fine, comfortable day - breezes. Lat. $32=21$ S Long $47=56$ W.
fresh ^{from} S.W. Nothing to be seen except - a few
birds. Made mince-pies. W. a cool for the mast

Thurs. 31.

Fresh breezes - Pleasant. Lat. $32=44$ S Long $48=08$ W.
Making shirts.

February.

Fri. 1.

Fine pleasant weather -

Lat. Long.
32=21 S. 47=36 W.

Saw several sails, but none were whalers.

Sat. 2.

Weather fine - winds fresh - from N. W. Afternoon spoke the "Osmanli" (whaler). Capt. Fisk a portly gentleman, came on board spent the evening. Reported having seen the Ospray, about two weeks since, with letters for us. I long to get them, yet have a fear, it is so long since we heard from home.

Lat. Long.
32=42 S. 46=55 W.

Sun. 3.

Fresh breezes.

Lat. Long.
32=42 S. 47=46 W.

A quiet Sabbath. Saw nothing except two sharks, which followed the vessel for some time.

Mon. 4.

Fresh breezes, with clouds.

Lat. Long.
32=22 S. 47=40 W.

Afternoon blowing strong. Saw several sails. Washed this morning.

Tues. 5.

Strong winds - Pleasant.

Lat. Long.
33=17 S. 49=18 W.

Signalled two Spanish Barks. one the "Amalia" exchanged longitude with me. Saw other sails. Not feeling very well, not yet decidedly ill.

February.

Wed. 6. Began to blow last night, and increased to almost a gale of wind. Today, tonight still blowing. The Louisa weathers it bravely, with double-reefed main-topsail. A "whaler" in sight through the day, lying to under close-reefs.

Thurs. 7. Strong breeze - Hazy weather. Lat. $34^{\circ}29'$ S. Long. $48^{\circ}38'$ W.
One merchantman in sight. Had rather a dull day. Have not been on deck, as usual, Mr. Elton playing the violin, Mr. Grapo studying navigation, and W. looking over an old journal. I hear large drops of rain on the skylight.

Fri. 8. Blowing well nigh to a gale. Lat. $34^{\circ}18'$ S. Long. $49^{\circ}34'$ W.
Weather thick. Sea rugged. One sail in sight. Last night we had a thunder squall W. went on deck, saw two "Jack o' Lanterns", one on the main-~~gallant~~-gallant-tuck, another on the main-top-gallant-yard, the first he ever saw. A flash of lightning, extinguished them.

Jack o' lanterns

February.

Sat. 9.

Strong breezes - Cloudy.
Still we plod along over the waters, sometimes in a circle, and then zigzag. But either course as yet has not brought us in view of the whales. It will be a month ^{soon} since we took the last - and who can tell when the next will come.

Lat. Long.
33-38 S. 50-00 W.

Sun. 10.

A cloudy rainy day, with fresh breezes. Went on deck after supper, and saw a sign of a fair day tomorrow, a glow in the west at sunset. Have not felt well today - headache.

Mon. 11.

Strong breezes. Louisa pitching & jumping, about some, giving us exercise. We took a lunar observation this afternoon making the chronometers 20 miles out of the way. One sail passed near to us, a merchantman.

Lat. Long.
32-37 S. 49-14 W.

Tues. 12.

Fine, fresh breezes. Cruising. Sewing - and a light job in the culinary department occupied the day. I walk on deck this evening. We took a "lunar"

Lat. Long.
32-55 S. 48-26 W.

February.

Wed. 13. Cloudy - misty. with a light rain. Lat. 34-59 S. Long. 48-10 W.
 Painting portions of the ship inside.
 One sail in sight at 12 o'clock. Head feels badly, cannot think of anything worthy of note.

Thurs. 14. Strong gales, and rain. Lat. 33-33 S. Long. 47-00 W.

Fri. 15. Almost a gale of wind. Lat. 32-57 S. Long. 47-44 W.
 Tried to walk a little tonight - but made zigzag work of it; however shall not suffer much for exercise, while we have such rugged weather. Sewed and knit - some.

Sat. 16. Fine-pleasant and calm. Lat. 31-45 S. Long. 47-48 W.
 Raised a whaler this morning, which we call the "Dracö". In sight tonight, but we have no breeze, so cannot get near her. Have just come from on deck - A beautiful moonlight eve'g - and the sailors are enjoying it by having a Portuguese dance, which to say the least, is far from being a still one. On the main hatch a group are gathered playing checkers, which from their hearty laughing I judge they find interesting. So ends another week.

done
 checkers

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Sun. 17.

Fresh gales. — Pleasant.

Lat. Long.
31-48 S. 47-44 W.

The vessel we saw yesterday is quite near this morning boiling. Proves to be the "Laconia" Capt. Parker. We went on board a few moments after breakfast and obtained some papers of Oct. & Nov. dates. Capt. P. sent me a jar of currant-jelly, which was gratefully received.

Mon. 18.

Cloudy morning, after a squally night, with heavy rain. Afternoon sunny but a gale of wind, moderated after sunset. I have been on deck and walked a half-hour, and stopped another to look at the water and the moon shining on it. it is truly splendid.

Lat. Long.
31-58 S. 46-50 W.

Tues. 19.

Pleasant, and quite moderate,

Lat. Long.
31-56 S. 47-04 W.

Washed as at least W. has.

Raised a sail at sunset. Hope it is the "Osprey"

Wed. 20.

Light breezes. 3 Whalers in sight.

Lat. Long.
31-50 S. 47-10 W.

"Spartan" "Laconia" & "Deceit". Spoke the S. in the A.M. At 4 o'clock Capt. Rifford came on board. Spent the evening a lovely evening. moonlight.

February.

Thurs. 21. . Calm. and pleasant. Lat. 31=34 S. Long. 47=05 W.

Several sails in sight. Saw Grampus but no whales. The month is fast wearing away and the "Blue disease" begins to manifest itself in some of our number. Hope it will not prove serious. W. took down the stove today, as it is so warm we have no use for it.

Fri. 22. Fine weather, light breeze. Lat. 31=42 S. Long. 46=25 W.

The "Draco" in sight all day. At 4 o'clock, ran down to us, and Capt. B. came on board for a "gam". Brought some calico. I purchased some for a dress. 20 cts. pr. yard. Spent a social evening, and enjoyed the conversation better than usual. Parrying ship today.

Sat. 23. Clouds and some rain-showers. Lat. 31=28 S. Long. 45=12 W.

"Draco still in sight" Ran across her stern last night to get some fish - as there was plenty around her. Only a partial success. as we could see but three, caught one of those a lusty fellow. which served as a mess for "all mouths". Wish we could get more. as they are quite a treat to us at present.

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Sun. 24. Fine-pleasant weather. Lat. 31-03 S. Long. 44.

As usual a quiet Sabbath, accompanied with a strong desire to be in our home far away. Will it ever be? My heart almost misgives me, when I think of the very long time that must elapse before that hour arrives, if ever.

Mon 25. Weather changeable. Lat. 31-10 S. Long. 44-31 W.

Cruising over the salt "say" nothing seeing day after day, ever trying to the sailors, especially to a "whaler." Cut my dress, &c. ✓
Raining this evening. Wish we might get our letters.

Tues. 26. Showery - with light winds - Lat. 31-24 S. Long. 44-44 W.
variable. Sewing. W. has been trying to teach me back-gammon. Rather a dull scholar.
Lightning and rain, this evening.

Wed. 27. Fresh breezes. Pleasant. Lat. 31-40 S. Long. 44-56 W.

Picked up a portion of a ship's sail yesterday.
We saw a water-spout, not very clearly, however.

February.

Thurs. 28. Fine fresh breezes, Pleasant. 31=00 40=30
Two "whales" in sight - at sunset, gambling -
One we call the "Graco".

The 34th anniversary of my natal day. I do
not regret that age is stealing over me. But I
do regret that so many years of my life has passed
and so little good been accomplished.

"To Thee my service Lord is due;
And I this natal morn renew
The offering of my youth;
I consecrate my life to thee
Through Jesus Christ, that I may be
Thy servant Lord, in truth.

And give me grace to watch and pray,
And wait the coming of that day,
When, by a heavenly birth,
I shall with all thy saints arise
And meet my Saviour in the skies;
Translated from the earth."

March.

Fri. 1. Calm, pleasant & decidedly warm. Lat. 31-01 S Long. 45-40 W.
 Busied myself with various jobs.
 Such as a day like this admits of. The same
 two vessels we saw yesterday still in sight.
 Headache tonight.

Sat. 2. Pleasant morning & cloudy P.M. Lat. 32-28 S Long. 46-50 W.
 Evening rain. One sail passed us.
 Painted ship aft today.

Sun. 3. Fine pleasant morning. Evening Lat. 31-58 S Long. 47-38 W.
 Strong gales. Sails in sight. Nothing unusual.
 to mark the day from our Sabbaths in general.

Mon. 4. More moderate, Pleasant, Lat. 32-09 S Long. 47-30 W.
 Sewing. Merchant vessels in sight. No "Esprey".

Tues. 5. Fine pleasant weather in every Lat. 32-06 S Long. 47-36 W.
 respect. Whalers in sight. Spoke and jammed with
 the "Cacona".
 Capt. Parker. with whom I was much pleased
 believing him to be an upright moral man.
 one whom it would be pleasant to be better acquainted with
 belongs on "Monument" Mass. "Telegraphed" an English Back.
 "Slow Coach".

March.

Wed. 6. Fine fresh breezes. Pleasant. Lat. 32-17 S. Long. 47-30 W.
We took a "school" of Albicore alongside last night, from the Laconia, and today, have taken some on board, find them quite palatable, after our long fast, on bread and meat. Hope we shall keep them with us, a while at least. 2 whales in sight.

Thurs. 7 A.M. strong breezes. Pleasant. Lat. 31-40 S. Long. 48-22 W.
At 8 o'clock raised whales, going to windward fast. Several sails in sight. Afternoon more moderate lowered the boats, and took two small whales alongside at sunset. Evening very pleasant, and winds light. About 11 o'clock the watch called to fuel and the wind blowing a gale. At 1 o'clock parted fluke chain from one of the whales. But through the thoughtfulness of Mosher, who had put an iron into him, saved him through much hard labor. The gale increased until daylight, the wind moderating, but leaving a tremendous sea on. Altogether we passed a sleepless night, and gladly welcomed the day, and the prospect of an abatement of the gale. Had one boat stove on the cranes. Saw large quantities of flying-fish, Albicore chasing them.

March.

Fri. 8

Tried to get a little sheep this morning. The sea is very rugged, vessel rolls badly. Afternoon, Parted fluke-chain to the other whale, But lowered a boat - and though incurring great danger, yet without accident succeeded in getting a line from him to the ship, and again made him fast alongside; after which cut in one of them, finishing about sunset.

And tonight we have especial reasons to be thankful that - amid so many dangers, we are yet safe from accident to life or limb. The ^{sheep} has gone down in a ^{meadure}.

Sat. 9. Snow moderate, pleasant. Lat. 31-25 S. Long. 48-42 W.
Cut in the other whale, and commenced to boil A merchant-barkentine in sight, this morning.

Sun. 10 Fine fresh breezes. Lat. 31-43 S. Long. 48-30 W.
A busy day, boiling &c. I have tried to realize that it was Sunday, but found it difficult: where are all are hard at work.

March.

Mon. 11. Fresh breezes, rain showers. Lat. 32° 25' S. Long. 47° 08' W.
 Finished boiling, and called the amount of oil 45 bbls. well earned. Spoke the "Charles W. Morgan" (Ship) Capt. Landers. who has his wife and one child. Signalled the another whaler, but did not learn her name. Two others in sight. I wrote a letter to send home

Tues. 12. Fine weather - light breezes. Lat. 32° 12' S. Long. 48° 33' W.
 All at work stowing down oil and cleaning ship. At 4 o'clock made out one of the vessels to be the much wished for "Vespy". and hastily set our colours, for Capt. G. to come on board which he did bringing our letters and a paper containing some surprising news. Our letters bring us no unwelcome news from our home. But ~~from~~ other families are in trouble, which pains us to learn.

Wed. 13. Calm & pleasant. Wind breezed Lat. 31° 59' S. Long. 48° 20' W.
 up towards night. Gamming with the Vespy. Raised whales, and lowered boats and chased. But too late to get any; boats came aboard at sunset. Capt. G. gone left his dog.

March.

Thurs. 14. Fine fresh breeze. The "Osprey" in sight.
 raised whales. the same they saw last night. Both
 vessels lowered boats 8 in number. and chased
 them a long time. before striking. W's boat was
 the first to get fast. Capt. G. next. Then his mate
 who got stowed and was taken to the ship.

Two boats remained with the whale, and the
 other 4 went in pursuit of the other two whales. but
 could not get near them; Took the whale
 alongside at three o'clock. Looks large. as if
 he might make 100 bbls. W. got his boat stow
 slightly. Capt. G. came aboard. I did not see him.

Fri. 15. Fine pleasant weather - light breeze. Out in the
 whale; bailed the case in the evening by moon light.
 Capt. Parker's miracle has been performed. - A
 whale caught and taken on board without accident
 and truly we have great reasons to be thankful, for
 the blessings which have attended their labors. thus
 far. W. is very lame and sore. and has not
 escaped without some bruises, but all are slight.
 I have felt very well today. have had a bad
 stomach for a week past.

March.

Sat. 16. Another fine day. Breeze light. ^{Sat.} 32-42 S. ^{Long.} 48-14 W.
Commenced boiling at 1 o'clock this morning.
The deck presents quite a lively and I might
add a decidedly greasy spectacle this morning.
One glance is sufficient to tell even a green
one that they had "struck ile". The work
is very greasy as well as being very hard; and
I should say that it is only the thought of the
money that is expected, that makes it endurable.

Sun. 17. All are hard at work improving ^{Sat.} 32-37 S. ^{Long.} 48-28 W.
the fine weather. Thankful we are that thus
far we have been so much favored. If it did
not infringe on the Sabbath I should like
whaling much better. While many express
various opinions on the subject, and disagree
as to the catching of whales on the Sabbath, all
seem to agree that it is right to labor on that
day to save them after they are caught.
I think much concerning it; but as yet have not
been able to form any opinion, that I can con-
scientiously adhere to. There is something wrong I
think, which I hope in time may be righted.

Sabbath

March.

Mon. 18

Lat. Long.
Fine pleasant weather - Light winds 32=00 S. 48=38 W.

I made a needle-book for my Mother today, would like to be able to hand it - to her tonight. Sometimes it seems as if I could hardly be content - to await the time, when if we live we may begin to think of going home. I desire patience & submission.

Tues. 19.

Lat. Long.
Another pleasant day. Fresh breeze 31=44 S. 49=12 W.
Signalled a "French bark" ("Marie Emma") and exchanged longitude. Finished boiling. Think the whale will stow down 100 bbls.. It seemed to be diseased the blubber very thick - body large - head small. Teeth decayed. Another sail in sight. A few drops of rain tonight.

Wed. 20.

Lat. Long.
Weather & winds variable. 32=11 S. 48=30 W.
Spoke the "Henry Faber" Capt. Howland, who came aboard for an hour or so. Took a letter to ~~carry~~ to St. Catharines, for home. Stowing oil today. The "bilge" is making bad work with everything, and is very disagreeable to say the least of it. The first time we have been troubled with it on the voyage. I hope it may be the last. I stay in the house most of the time.

March.

Thurs. 21. Fresh breezes. - cloudy at times Lat. S. Long. W.
 W. at work in the hold. stowing oil &
 breaking out water-casks &c.
 I am sewing, and the "Louisa" is bilging
 the steward trying to clean paint, but it
 only makes a bad matter worse.
 We are reading Barnes "Notes" on Romans.
 find them very interesting.

Fri. 22. Lat. S.
 Strong breezes from South-By-East. 31-35 S
 Spoke and had a short gam with the "Osprey"
 after supper. reports nothing new.
 Another day in the hold for all hands. W.
 fixed the clock.

Sat. 23. Lat. S. Long. W.
 Fine-pleasant weather. 31-33 S 49-30 W.
 Had an uncomfortable day, as regards health.
 W. swept rooms &c. Feel a little better tonight.

Sun. 24. Lat. S. Long. W.
 Fine fresh breezes. Pleasant. 32-47 S 49-20 W.
 A dull day. Still better physically. wish I could
 say the same spiritually. How we long for home
 when Sunday comes. Osprey in sight we think.

March.

- Mon. 25. Moderate weather continues. ^{Lat.} 33=29 S. ^{Long.} 47=50 W.
 Signs of rain tonight. Would like to meet with the "Triton" as we hear they have something for us. Also to see Mrs. Cornwell. "Osprey" in sight.
- Tues. 26. Fresh breezes. Pleasant. ^{Lat.} S. ^{Long.} W.
 Mending &c. W. busy on deck.
- Wed. 27. Fine moderate weather. ^{Lat.} 33=47 S. ^{Long.} 47=40 W.
 Several sails in sight. Spoke and jammed with the "Henry Faber" Capt. Howland. W. and myself washed this morning - I am most sick.
- Thurs. 28. Weather rainy with squalls. I had a bad night - and feel very uncomfortable today. My stomach will not retain food of any kind. and I fear such a state, having suffered so much, in time past.
- Fri. 29. Pleasant weather. Stomach worse. ^{Lat.} 33=34 S. ^{Long.} 47=40 W.
^{Lat.} ^{Long.}
- Sat. 30. Fine fresh breezes. I am better. 32=26 S. 47=12 W.
- Sun. 31. Strong breezes from N.E. ^{Lat.} 31=36 S. ^{Long.} 47=50 W.
 Thus ends March, and soon we shall be marching N.

April.

Mon. 1. Strong winds in the morning. Lat. Long.
32=16 S. 46=50 W.
 Ironed some this morning. Afternoon more moderate. Spoke and jammed with the N. H. Yeaker Capt. Grinnell. He brought us a letter, 15 months old, but welcome at that. We had 130 sp. 250 wh.

Tues. 2. Fine fresh breezes. Pleasant. Lat. Long.
32=23 S. 43=30 W.
 Sick-distressed stomach all day.

Wed. 3. Fine pleasant winds and weather. Lat. Long.
S. W.
 Feeling a little better today. Wind stronger tonight and clouds are gathering, for April showers perhaps.

Thurs. 4. Fine fresh breezes. Pleasant. Lat. Long.
32=11 S. W.
 Sewed a little and knit some. We do not see the whale we are looking for. I hope we shall before getting to port. as we are edging that way. Rather more like myself today. Stomach better.

Fri. 5. Pleasant and calm. Lat. Long.
31=52 S. 44=06 W.
 Saw turtle & squid, which augurs good.
 Another day with an uncomfortable stomach. very sore

April.

Sat. 6. Strong breezes. and we are going ^{Lat.} 30-34 ^{Long.} S. 43-06 W.
^{North} as fast as wind & Lousia will take us. Saw a
 humpback this afternoon, which was going too

Sun. 7. Fine fair breeze. Pleasant. ^{Lat.} 28-52 ^{Long.} S. 41-18 W.
^{from} Yesterday ^{12 o'clock until today 12.} we made 18.5 miles of our passage. Today
 that is this afternoon the winds are not as favorable.
 I have had a more comfortable day with my stomach.
 Trying to live on rice, with an occasional dip into our ^{meats.} fresh

Mon. 8. Fine fresh breezes, Distance 146 m. ^{Lat.} 27-06 ^{Long.} S. 39-35 W.
 The wind still permits us to keep on our course.
 Had a better day than usual. Trying "Porter" today.
 Took a short walk on deck tonight.

Tues. 9. Fine fresh breezes. Distance 106 m. ^{Lat.} 25-20 ^{Long.} S. 39-35 W.
 The wind is dying away, and our progress is
 impeded. My stomach a little better.

Wed. 10. Winds very light. Dist. 100. ^{Lat.} 24-53 ^{Long.} S. 39-40 W.
 It washed some this morning. I looked on
 very pleasant and calm tonight.

April.

Thurs. 11. A calm pleasant morning - wind light. ^{Lat.} 24=18 ^{Long.} S. 39=14 W.
Afternoon wind freshened, and tonight we have
a fine breeze. I have starched and ironed some
things today, have felt much better than for a few
days past. Dist. 54 miles

Fri 12. Pleasant. Strong breezes - but ^{Lat.} 23=56 ^{Long.} S. 37=24 W.
ahead. Signalled an American bark, bound
South, in hot haste having a fair wind, so ^{the} ~~which~~ that
retards our progress. Sends him on his way rejoicing.
I have had quite a comfortable day. Dist. 118 m.

Sat. 13. Strong winds from N.E. which puts ^{Lat.} 22=53 ^{Long.} S. 35=38 W.
us on the wrong course. At this rate of progress
our passage will be a lengthy one. We will hope for
a change of wind for the better. Dist. 124 m.

Sun. 14. Wind more moderate, but baffling ^{Lat.} 22 21 ^{Long.} S. 38=42 W.
and contrary. Afternoon signalled a Dutch
brig, bound South. Very warm. Dist. 123 m.

April.

Mon. 15. Strong head winds - Pleasant. Lat. 21-48 S Long. 34-10 W.
Had rain through the past night. A little cooler.
The steward caught two little yellow fish, and
Mrs. Rice caught a flyfish which came on board
during the night, on which I have been feasting
very kind in them to think of me, and my poor stomach
which seems better. I hope it may last. Dist. 48.

Tues. 16. Strong breezes but a little more Lat. 20-20 S Long. 35-12 W.
favorable tonight. have made 80 miles north,
the last 24 hours. Saw two sails. Ate the last
of my fish this morning. Had tomatoes for dinner
which set well on my stomach, happily disappoint^{ing}
me. Dist. 104 m.

Wed. 17. Fine favorable breezes, permitting Lat. 18-48 S Long. 36-05 W.
us to go on our course, nearly. I have felt
unusually well today, with the exception of languor.
Made two pies this afternoon to try if I could eat
any, as I begin to want a change of diet. W. hopes
we may catch the trades winds soon, as he saw some
signs of them tonight. I hope he is not mistaken.
Dist. 106 m.

April.

Thurs. 18. Fine favorable breezes. which ^{Lat.} 17=08 S. ^{Long.} 36=09 W.
 W. calls light trades. I hope they may prove
 so, and that we shall soon find them increasing
 or we shall have a long passage to "Barbadoes".
 It is very warm, and the nearer we approach
 the line the warmer it will be I suppose
 shall we melt? Dist. 101 m.

Fri. 19. Fine breeze this morning. but ^{Lat.} 15=46. ^{Long.} 36=10.
 Squally - a light shower of rain, which seemed
 quite refreshing. Have had two comfortable
 days with my stomach - find the Hoster to be
 beneficial. taken after meals in small quantities.
 Dist. 82 m.

Sat. 20. Winds very light - Pleasant & ^{Lat.} 14=04 S. ^{Long.} 35=40 W.
 hot. We make but slow progress, on our passage.
 Tonight there is a little more breeze, with a few
 sprinkles of rain. A brig in sight tonight.
 Dist. 104 m.

Sun. 21. Fine favorable breezes. ^{Lat.} 12=54 S. ^{Long.} 35=04 W.
 Very warm, nights hot. Thermometer at 85.
 Dist. 80 m.

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Mon. 22.

Strong fair winds.

Lat.

11-11

Long.

S. 34-18 W.

With such a breeze, we can make some progress.
Light squalls, afternoon. I have been a little
nauseated. Appetite improving, also digestive
powers.

Dist. 116

Tues. 23.

Strong breezes, or trades - rain.

Lat.

9-11

Long.

S. 33-00 W.

Showers, in the afternoon. Made two degrees to the
North the last 24 hours.

Dist. 144 m.

Wed. 24.

Very pleasant morning, 6-44 S 33-14 W.
At quarter past six, our little babe was
born, a daughter, and tremblingly amid
our hopes, we took her to our arms, scarcely
daring to say ours.

Lat.

11-29

Long.

N. 5-0-06

It is now the 6th of

May, and the intervening time I pass
over, merely saying of it, that Williams &
myself have been fully occupied. We are caring
for baby and myself, and I trying to gain
strength, that I might be able to assist him.
I have walked a few steps today but am

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6th
Thurs.

Still weak, as the weather has been very hot, to be confined to one's bed. We crossed the Line, April 28th fortunately had but two days "calm" and those not in succession, the most of the time have had the trade winds, so that we have made thus far a fair passage. and hope see the beginning of another week to see "Barbadoes". "Baby" grows finely. thrives well on rice water sweetened with sugar, with what milk I can give her. She weighed $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. when two days old. Dist. 160 m.

7th
Thurs.

Lat. Long.
12-22 N. 52-28 W.
Fine favorable breezes.
Had a comfortable day - Baby very good, which I need not say is much in my favor. W. is lying down with her, and I have just taken a nap on the sofa. We expect to get it in by Friday, and I care not how soon, as some of our men are falling sick, for want of fresh provisions I fear, I hope we find ^{well} potatoes, as we have not had any for four months. Dist. 184 m.

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Wed. 8. Winds light, Pleasant weather. Lat- 12-51 Long. 54-34
 We are making slow progress, begin to think that Saturday will scarcely find us at anchor. I am gaining strength fast. Baby two weeks old today, sleeps and eats well, as does her mother. Williams seems a little more like himself today, as he gets a little more rest. He makes a capital nurse. (Dist. 130. m.)

Thurs. 9. Light breeze. Slow progress. Lat. 12-44 N. Long. 56-10 W.
 The sick are no worse. I am improving a little but the heat takes away my strength. At this rate shall not get in as soon as Friday.

Fri. 10 Winds a little more favorable. Lat. 12-34 N. Long. 57-45 W.
 Hope to get in tomorrow. W. packing trunks &c. I am longing. Baby grunting, trying to wake, and I must put away pen, and take her. Dist. 96 m.

Sat. 11. Arose this morning to find ourselves in sight of land and a welcome sight it was. We were about 20 miles distant, and soon made our way into the harbor at Bridgetown Barbados. W. came

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on shore, and engaged a room at the "Albion"
Hotel, where baby and her father & mother are
domiciled in comfortable quarters, tonight.
tired - but hoping another day will find us in
better trim. Capt. Garland is here, and
Capt. Sanders & Wife and boy, in port I mean.
I have not seen them.

Sun. 12.

A fine pleasant morning - and I am feeling
quite as well as I expected. Did not rest
very well last night. The sound of the
Sabbath bells is cheering and to feel that you
are once more on Christian ground, is pleasant
though one may not be able to attend worship in
the Sanctuary. We are so near the church
that I can hear the singing, and I long to go.
It remained with me, not wishing to leave

Mon 13. It is very warm here, but I have a cool
room, and find myself pleasantly situated
though among strangers. Baby does not
complain of the change, and I think it will
be better for us both. It is, as usual when in
port is on the hop, just getting time to run
in and take a look at baby and I. I have a girl

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Tues. 14.

Catharine is her name, and like all the servants here, she is colored. I have seen but little of the aristocracy, as I do not go out - and they do not frequent this part of the city, I think. Here for the first time, I have seen horses and carriages similar to ours at home.

Wed. 15.

Capt. Garland called. Gradually improving

Thurs. 16.

All going on well. Mrs. Wood calls to see me every day. She is English, and fills her place I should judge.

Fri. 17

Callers from on board ship. I have written and sent two letters home.

Capt. Sanders & wife called. She stopped to lunch with me. They sail soon, for home

Sat. 18.

Charles W. Morgan sailed today. I think I write this part of my journal from memory. so may not be correct. I went down to dinner today for the first time. like it much better than eating alone

Andrew came just before dinner, and Mr. Wood, insisted that we should accept the offer of his carriage, and take a short ride. We did so leaving baby in care of Andrew and Catherine. Had a fine ride out to the "Garrison" which is a beautiful place and on a little farther to the "Rocks", a place which has been fitted for visitors & commands a fine view of the ocean, and a pleasant promenade. We sat in the ^{returned} carriage and took our view, and then

Sun. 19. A fine day but very warm. W. and myself spent the day nearly alone with baby. Mrs. King called. W. been to church. I shall not be able to go I fear while here.

Mon 20. Catherine and W. goes shopping and I mind the baby. and today have been making her a cloak. She is very good, but the mosquitos are so thick that I shall be glad when we get on board ship. I have to keep awake night to watch her.

Tues. 21.

We and myself went to ride again last night up to the Garrison to hear the band, again through the kindness of Mr. Wood.

I enjoyed it much, and should more if I had felt easy about baby, & Catherine. Capt. Howland has been in. They came to bring me patterns of dress goods, silks &c. each one being determined that his wife shall have a new dress.

Wed. 22.

Mr. Seacock and wife, called last night. They seem like very pleasant people. Left with many good wishes for us, and said they would send their carriage to take us into the country among the

sugar plantations, some morning we decided to accept it Thursday morning.

I have been shopping to two places, & spent near thirty dollars, and thought it time to return. Baby 4 weeks old today.

Thurs. 23

Took our anticipated ride this morning went before breakfast, at seven, the breakfast at nine. one

We visited two sugar mills, one carried by wind and one by steam, and I went into the wind mill, and in the boiling house and saw the whole process and had a taste of sugar right from the vat. The cane looked very nice growing, but we saw but little else and the ground looked parched and dry. But in one production. Barbados is not behind, that is, in the juvenile blacks, for they were of all sizes, around every dwelling, and in every corner. We saw many women, at hard labor in the fields on the plantations, and on the roads, more women were employed than men.

Fri. 24.

We are thinking of going to sea again tomorrow, and this day has been spent in making preparation. Tonight we have packed our trunks, W. has been to church, and now at bedtime we are tired and hot. We have showers of rain frequently but it does not cool the air for any length of time.

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Sat. 24. Came on board today, and took our anchor from the Bridgetown harbor.

Tonight we are far out on the salt sea and our cabin piled up with boxes-bundles and bales. All tired and hot, but thankful that seasickness is not added to our discomforts. The motion of the vessel makes me very sleepy. Baby takes it all very easily, and why should she not? Catharine came with us to the ship - was seasick and soon left.

Farewell to Barbadoe for the present.

Sun. 25. Fresh trades winds. Weather fine. Several are seasick, and I am so sleepy, that I cannot be. We have stowed among our bales & boxes, & trunks, today and find it rather close quarters.

Mon. 26. Have tried today to settle, or rather to stow our baggage, &c. Have accomplished so far that we are able to cross the cabin tonight without mounting. Very busy on deck and below. Baby very good.

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Tues. 28. Fine breezes, we are get^{Lat. N. Long. W.} ting on briskly, but see nothing of the fish we look for. I snatch every opportunity to sleep, hoping that I shall soon get over this state of torpidity.

Wed. 29. Fine weather still continues, and we have a fair breeze to take us home, wish we were going all day saying and oh, how hard I am thinking the same.

Thurs. 30. A pleasant day, and a little cooler, I think. We have had it very hot since we came out, but as we work north hope to find it less so.

Fri. 31. The last day of the month is here and we are grateful for life and health still granted. - Have but little change in the weather sometimes quite rugged, and another day less so. See but very few vessels. and meet with some light squalls.

June.

Lat. 1. Fine moderate winds. Lat. 27-01 N. Long. 58-38 W.
one week from port and have nearly completed
stowing for the present. Baby requires most
of my time, and I suppose she will, for lest
she disturb the watch below, I try hard to
keep her quiet.

June 2. Weather the same, Fine. Lat. 27-37 N. Long. 57-52 W.
Saw two sails, supposed merchantmen.

Mon. 3 Fine with fresh breezes, Lat. 29-02 N. Long. 58-27 W.
Saw three sails.

Tues. 4 Fine fresh winds. Lat. 30-39 N. Long. 58-24 W.
Spoke the schooner "Cetacean" from Provincetown
Capt. Atwood who came on board made a
short stay. He was 2 1/2 months out, 55 sperm.
Had taken a crew from an English wreck, and
put in to Barbadoes to land them, a thousand
miles out of his way - and was tendered
7 1/2 dollars for his loss of time, generosity &c.
this amount from the English government.

June.

- Wed. 5. Fine - Light winds. Lat. 32-01 N. Long. 58-10 W.
 We washing - I am tending baby, & doing light work. A whaling bark in sight, which supposed to be the "Sceola" Capt. Malloy.
- Thurs. 6. Another fine day. Lat. 33-11 N. Long. 57-00 W.
 Ironed some of the clothes. Lucia & sleep tonight, but some calico night-robes for baby.
- Fri. 7. Light winds - pleasant. Lat. 34-30 N. Long. 55-55 W.
 Lowered two boats for Blackfish caught none. Took baby on deck for an airing.
- Sat. 8. Weather fine and cooler. Lat. 35-58 N. Long. 54-34 W.
 I have been mending for two days. Baby does not sleep as much, and I have but little time to sew.
- Sun. 9. Cloudy - winds light. No observation.
 Our Sabbath are not as dull as our past seasons. I have very little time for reading but am only too happy in the cause which keeps me from it.

June.

Mon-10.

A rolling night, and a rainy day. W. casting up accounts. The lamp burns dim, and my eyes go together and I will drop pen and haste away to sleep, while my little one sleeps,

Tues-11

The past three days has been one continuous gale of wind. I have just managed to take care of baby - with W's help.

Wed-12

One day I kept in bed until afternoon it was so bad, the ship so uneasy, but sleep was far from us, Louise was better than usual.

Thurs 13.

Strong breezes - but a little more comfortable - I am lame enough, and some bruised

Fri-14

Fine weather again I washed a few articles in my room. and set my house in order as we can never tell what tomorrow will be Williams busy on deck, for the first time this week.

June.

Sat-15. Fine light breezes. I have been sewing all the time I had, aside from "minding" the baby. Made her a sack I have the cold which is going through the ship. Mr. Grapo also has it, mine in my head principally his in his throat and teeth - I fear Louise will be taking it.

Sun-16 Fine pleasant weather. Baby & myself took an airing on deck, which was quite a treat to me. I have been confined so close.

Mon-17. Fresh breezes. W. on deck. I am occupied with baby and my nose the latter quite troublesome, and sore.

Tues-18 Fresh breezes with rain. W. mending a boat. My cold is better. Baby has it - has it slightly. She grows fat and begins to be quite interesting as she notices things around her. I have but little time for writing - imperfect as my journal was before it will be more so now.

June.

Wed. 19

Thurs. 20

Fri. 21

Sat. 22.

Pleasant moderate weather.

Juan washed my floors today - Baby's cold better
 mine decidedly so. I have had no time to
 write letters as I hoped to, and we shall
 soon be nearing the islands.

Sun. 23.

Fine fresh breezes. I have departed from
 my general rule and written a little today
 as W. expects to go in tomorrow, and it is
 my last chance.

Mon 24.

We were awaked this morning with the
 report of land - The islands of Flores &
 Corvo, whither we are bound for potatoes
 W. has been hard at work all day stowing
 our baggage. Land not in sight as I
 wrote above.

June.

Tues. 25

Flores & Corvo close at hand.
Lunched at the latter and obtained
our supplies. Such as we could
a few of the islanders came off to us
for trade.

Wed. 26

Fine pleasant weather
W. & myself have washed our shore
clothing, and I hope we will soon
be ready for this cruise.

Thurs. 27.

Strong breezes - Work laid
aside - W. busy on deck most of the day

Fri. 28.

Droning some. But the
sea is rugged the bark uneasy. W.
taking care of baby.

Sat. 29

Fresh breezes. Pleasant -

Finished ironing and felt much relieved ^{it done} to have

Sun. 30

Pleasant and warmer. Took

baby on deck to get the benefit of the sun - which
we both need sails in sight.

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July.

- Mon. 1. Clouds and rain with fresh breezes.
I have sewed a little - am now sitting
on the bed jogging "Louisa" in the basket.
while the "Louisa" (Senior) jogs me.
- Tues. 2. Weather cool and pleasant - fresh winds.
The "Louisa" ploughing the deep, searching
for whales - Her complement of men
manage to keep busy without them, but
are longing for a sight of them nevertheless.
A brig in sight through the day.
- Wed. 3. Last night was a rough one - Wind - rain
and squalls, kept the ship pitching about
strangely - The baby very restless so that
with all we got no sleep until near day-
light. Today the wind moderated some
and the sun is out - A number of sails in ^{sight}.
- Thurs. 4. Weather delightfully cool and pleasant.
The anniversary of our national independence
from the yoke of English tyranny & oppression.

Query? Can sailors be said to belong to any nation? subject as they are to the caprice of the winds that preside over the deep. Gammed today with Capt. Price of the bark Europa, who will cruise another month and then return home. I wrote to send by him, a short letter.

Fri-5. Clouds - Fog most of the day. Saw pieces of a wreck. Towards evening -

Sat-6 Foggy-misty weather but warmer. Baby & myself keeps close in the cabin the weather is so unpleasant.

Sun-7. Fresh breezes - Weather fine. Went on deck with baby, to get the benefit of the sunshine - it is so seldom we have so fine a day. It is our communion Sabbath at home. How I long to be with them in that hallowed place - I fear that my mind is too much engrossed with the cares of life - to give that attention to spiritual things that I ought. How easy to neglect the welfare of the soul

in our anxiety to attend to ~~the~~ our physical requirements. How thankful we should be that our Heavenly Father is not so unmerciful of us as we are of ourselves. I implore His aid in my future course and desire to be kept from spiritual declension.

Mon. 8. Strong breezes. A number of merchant-vessels in sight. Exchanged signals with a French bark.

Tues. 9. Weather ditto. Baby less trouble than for a week past - yet does not like to be neglected. She grows more interesting each day.

Wed. 10. Strong breezes. Nothing new to report.

Thurs. 11. Spoke the "Minerva Smith" Capt. Mount^d who made ^{us} a call after tea and left a favorable impression and a wish to see more of him. He gave us the news from Sagal - quite interesting. "Europa" in sight.

July.

- Fri-12. Strong breezes. - Minerva Smith - who raised whales, chased but did not strike.
- Sat. 13. Cloudy with fog. "M. S." in sight - Saw no more of the whales.
- Sun. 14. Fine-pleasant weather with light winds. Went on deck - saw Grampus: (two) following the vessel.
- Mon-15. Stormy disagreeable weather. Sewed a little - tended baby more.
- Tues. 16. Winds light - Fog plenty - Washed for the baby, and took a nap, in the afternoon.
- Wed-17. Strong breezes - W. sick - Several sails in sight -
- Thurs-18. Sunshiny morn'g cloudy noon - Raining evening. Baby asleep, and I am too sleepy to write - but this - sails in sight.

July-

- Fri-19. Strong gales - with squalls.
- Sat-20. Blowing a gale - and a whole gale - with rain.
- Sun-21. Gale continues - Hurt my side and elbow.
- Mon-22. Wind blows strong today, at times but the sun shines once more, which after four days of clouds & rain, makes it seem good.
- Tues-23. A fine morning - Small rain in the P.M. Louise very good. Juan took her on deck while we washed in the house.
- Wed-24. Clouds & Sunshine - Warmer -
 Ironed this morning - Louise 3 1/2 months old - weighs 13 1/2
- Thurs-25. Strong breezes
- Fri-26. Today the same
- Sat-27. Alternate fog & rain - the sun now and then peeping forth. disagreeable weather - with no sign of whales to brighten our dull prospect - Home seems a long way off - at this poor rate.

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Sun 28.

Weather much the same.

Home is in all our thoughts today - I wonder if they are thinking of us.

Mon 29

Warmer today but fog still prevails - Signs of rain & wind - Louise quite selfish took all my time today.

Tues. 30

Rugged & Foggy - W & myself making frocks for his wear. Baby more quiet.

Wed. 31.

Last day of the month - closing with mist - clouds - & heat - leaving no very pleasant impression - but - a desire that August will prove more pleasant in weather and whales.

Still we must not forget - the many blessings we have, such as life - health and the means to enjoy it.

August.

Thurs. 1.

Fine pleasant weather, and I am engaged as usual in that most delightful of occupations, to a mother at least, that of "minding the baby" as the English express it.

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All very fine, and pleasant on ship board, and I have improved the time to ^{do} more pressing things than writing a journal which from day to day would be little more than a repetition of the days preceding.

Sun. 11

The day has passed much as usual with us. Had more opportunity for reading than of late. Wins gave Louise an airing in her carriage on deck the weather was so fine.

Mon. 12.

A fine, clear day. Did my washing. Have almost given up the idea of whaling.

Tues. 13.

Moderate breezes. Sewing - ironing. tending baby

Weds. 14

Pleasant - Wins busy on deck. I finished another frock for him. Found my last letter, which I thought I had sent by Capt. Peerce, and supposed it to be nearly there.

August.

Thurs. 15. Williams making a bedstead for baby, or crib to be made fast to ours. We are becalmed, and the weather is oppressively warm. Lowered boat - caught a sunfish, also some pilotfish the latter very good eating.

Fri. 16. Another day of calm hot weather. Colored some cloth for a sack for Louise, which is a pretty shade of pink. Albicore around the vessel.

Here my journal was laid aside from an increase of cares, and though at the beginning of another calendar year I made an effort to resume it. I did not continue, and will add here from memory, a few items of interest.

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